Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether, as a rule, teachers of long standing alone are appointed as Assistant Inspectors

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: No, not as a rule.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I ask whether an officer who has been Assistant Inspector for a number of years is not sometimes being reverted as teacher?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: Yes.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Does not the member think that such hands would have lost touch with teaching work and would have therefore become unfit for that work?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: That is a matter of opinion

Non-observance of public holidays by aided schools.

36. * **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that some aided schools are not bserving gazetted compulsory public holidays as holidays in their schools, and if so, the number of schools which are not observing such holidays and the reasons for the non-observance?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: All aided schools are allowed to follow their own calendar with the approval of departmental officers.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether the department usually p blishes a list of compulsory public holidays?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: No, Sir.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Does not the department issue notices to all schools, containing a list of public holidays to be observed by them?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: No, Sir. Any such notification will only apply to departmental schools. Private schools are allowed to follow their own calendar, in the matter of holidays.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: I am not asking about departmental schools alone. I want to know whether the department is issuing a list of public holidays to be observed by all schools.

Mr C. V. Chandrasekharan: I have said 'No.'

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: May I ask whether it is the policy of the department to see that any of the public holidays are observed by all schools in the State?

President: In other words, you want to know whether there is anything like compulsory public holidays for the educational institutions in the State.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: The whole matter is governed by Rules 101, 102 and 103 of the Education Code. The Education Code prescribes only 3 compulsory public holidays which have to be observed by all the schools in the State. Those 3 holidays are, Sundays, His Highness the Maha Raja's Birthday and His Majesty the King Emperor's Birthday.

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Mr. S Piraviperumal Pillai: Are the Government aware that some aided schools do not observe some of the gazetted holidays

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: There *are* such instances.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: May I know the action that the Government have taken in those cases?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: It has been stated in the answer that aided schools are allowed to follow their own calendar.

President: Government will not interfere in the matter. It is left to the managements of the schools. There are only 3 public holidays recognised as compulsory. Other holidays, there are; but it is left to the managements of schools to close their institutions on such days or not, as they choose. The Director has already said all that.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: I will just explain, Sir. The question is not whether they are to give holidays as they choose or not. The question is whether Government are aware that they do not give holidays on these days.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: Government are not aware. These three holidays are invariably given in every school, departmental and private.

List of holidays for aided schools.

37. * **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that aided schools forward a list of holidays for their schools to the Director yearly; if so, whether they include the gazetted compulsory public holidays in such lists as holidays for their schools; and, if not, the reasons for the omission?

Mr. C. V. Chadrasekharan: *First part* No.

Second and third parts The member is referred to Rules 100, 101, 102 and 103 of the Education Code.

Audit of co-operative societies.

38. * **Mr. E. P. Varghese** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of co-operative societies audited in 1110 M. E.

(*b*) the number audited by the Co-operative Inspectors and the number audited by the supervisors of the unions in 1110 M. E.; and

(*c*) the amount given as grant to these supervising unions and the amount disbursed as pay to the Co-operative Inspectors during 1110 M. E.?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: (*Registrar of Co-operative Societies*): (*a*) The figures for 1110 are not yet ready. In 1109, accounts of 1746 societies were audited.

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